



# House Democratic Caucus Budget Decisions

## Protected

## Cut

### **K-12 Education**

- Basic Education
- Levy Equalization Funding for poorer districts
- Used \$709.6 million in federal stimulus funding to prevent further cuts

### **K-12 Education**

- Suspend I-732 cost-of-living increases
- Reduced I-728 by \$507.6 M
- Remove two Learning Improvement Days

### **Higher Education**

- Increased Financial Aid
- Used \$110 million in federal stimulus funding to prevent deeper cuts

### **Higher Education**

- Major reductions in spending – resulting in lower enrollments

### **Health Care**

- Children's Health Care is fully funded
- Medicaid Eligibility is not changed
- Over \$2 billion in federal funding avoided even deeper reductions

### **Health Care**

- Basic Health Plan – reduced by \$251.9 M
- Vendors – hospitals, pharmacies, insurance plans, etc. all get reduced rates
- Public Health Funding is reduced

### **Safety Net**

- General Assistance Unemployable (GAU) grants; medical is restructured for savings
- Drug & Alcohol treatment
- Foster Care and Adoption support

### **Safety Net**

- Rate Reductions to social service providers
- WorkFirst will have to take efficiency reductions

### **Long-term Care/Mental Health/ Developmental Disabilities**

- Mental health hospital staffing is maintained; safety measures are working
- Kinship navigators in place

### **Long-term Care/Mental Health/ Developmental Disabilities**

- Rate reductions to nursing homes, residential programs and home care hours
- Mental health regional support networks are reduced
- No relatives can work as agency home care providers

### **Natural Resources**

- Funding for Puget Sound Rescue Tug
- Parks Funding maintained through "opt-out"

### **Natural Resources**

- Reduced Watershed grants and assistance
- Reductions in Administration/overhead costs